

CITY BONDS  
SOLD AT 98MONEY WILL SOON  
BE AVAILABLEFOR IMPROVEMENTS  
PROVIDED BY ELECTION

In a very short time the bond election of Arcadia will bear fruit in the form of the money derived to carry out proposed public improvements.

Negotiations have been made by which a New York firm will take the bonds at 98 per cent, and the money will be available as soon as legal formalities, necessary to the sale, are concluded.

During the trip of C. C. Chollar to the North he took up the matter of floating the bonds, with the gratifying result above stated, and the city is fortunate in securing such good terms, as it is seldom that a town of the size of Arcadia can so nearly reach par in the matter of a bond sale, and it is evident that the purchasers were well satisfied of the resources of this place and its advantages for development.

At that figure the sum secured will be \$29,400, which, as soon as received, will be turned into the various channels provided for by the election.

These works are new school building, water system and improvement of streets, municipals demands greatly needed, and which, when completed, will be a source of gratification and an incentive toward greater progress of the community.

## Gardner

Gardner, October 25.—Bryant McCorquodale was visiting friends here Sunday evening.

Mr. Bullock, of Arcadia, spent Sunday afternoon with friends at this place.

Miss Eva Hayman and brother, Lefie, stopped by for a few days with their friends, the Misses Boggess. A party was given at the Gardner house in honor of them. All report a nice time.

The orange business is being pushed rapidly through under the able management of Contractor H. P. Johnston. Gardner has been livened up quite a good deal by new boys working in the orange business.

Mrs. H. H. Johnston's baby has been very sick but is improving now.

Dr. R. J. Moore made a flying business trip to Arcadia Tuesday.

Mr. Whidden, an orange packer here, paid his wife at Bowling Green a visit Sunday, returning to his work Monday morning.

Willie Blackburn, who has been employed as a packer here, decided he liked Brownville better and bade his friends farewell.

Mr. Royal, the turpentine man, and sister will spend the winter at the Gardner house, they are expected on every train.

J. A. M. Stevens spent Saturday and Sunday as guest at the Gardner house.

Ed Hendry, was calling on friend at this place Friday night. Mr. Hendry has a fine rubber tire. See?

H. P. Johnston made a business trip to Arcadia Monday.

Dan Coker has been on the sick list, but we are glad to state that he is rapidly improving.

Mrs. McCorquodale is back at Gardner again. Glad to welcome her back.

Miss Fannie Coker is on the sick list this week, but she still looks as sweet as ever.

Dr. Hannah has been stopping at the Gardner house for the past week.

## Many Settlers Coming.

Jacksonville Times-Union: Wilbur McCoy, agricultural and immigration agent of the Atlantic Coast Line Railway Company, returned Monday from an extensive visit through the Northwest.

While in that section, Mr. McCoy distributed about 10,000 circulars, advertising the cheap homeseekers' rates to Florida, via the Coast Line, which has already brought several hundred settlers to the State.

"I am positive," said Mr. McCoy, "that on November 14, when our second homeseekers' excursion is run to Florida, we will bring several hundred settlers. The eyes of many prominent farmers are turned toward Florida, and I have been assured that many will settle here."

Upon the arrival of the second excursion I am going to make an effort to get several of the most prominent members of the party to visit the State Fair at Tampa, so that they can get a fair idea of what Florida raises."

## Pine Level

Pine Level, Oct. 21.—Mr. and Mrs. McAdow and Mr. Pooser, of Ogdens, were in our burg Wednesday looking after Mr. McAdow's grove, which is one of the finest in our little town.

Mrs. F. E. Geiger has been spending a week in Arcadia with her father, Mr. Andrew Green, where she was under the treatment of Dr. D. G. Barnett.

Mr. John Barnhill, of Arcadia, was in Pine Level Thursday with a drummer, Mr. Brinker, of Tampa.

We had a very nice meeting at the Baptist church last Sunday: it was conducted by Revs. Tatem and Hamen.

Hon. Frank Hagan has been visiting his son, John, at Charlotte Harbor this week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Baxley last Tuesday, a four pound girl, both mother and baby are doing nicely.

Dr. D. G. Barnett and Douglass Treadwell, Arcadia, were in this place Sunday.

Miss Hattie Cash, of Charlotte Harbor, is teaching school near Pine Level.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter, of Bunker were among friends here last Sunday.

Mrs. Alex. McBride, of Arcadia, has been spending a week with her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Smedley.

Mr. Fred. Fuller and two sons, Leon and Louie, of Nocatee, were visiting here last week.

Will Tucker and Keith Raulerson, of Brandy, were pleasant callers of Misses Carrie and Zula Sellers last Wednesday night.

Mr. Pead Barnhill and sister, made a flying trip to Arcadia last Saturday afternoon.

Messrs Buck Lane, John Tucker, and Jerome Howell, left last Sunday afternoon for Arcadia, where they will pack oranges.

The most popular young ladies of our town have organized a literary society for every Friday afternoon, which is progressing nicely under the management of Prof. R. L. Skipper.

Mr. D. W. Mizell makes his regular visit to Brandy every Sunday afternoon; lookout girls or you will lose Wesley.

Mr. Olin Mizell and Prof. R. L. Skipper went to town last Saturday on business.

George Albert and Fred Keen were visiting Sandy last Sunday.

Miss Ida Keen of Brandy was visiting Miss Mae Myers last week.

Miss Agnes Masters was in Sandy last Sunday and greatly enjoyed the day.

Will Baxley and family, of Brandy, were this week visiting Mr. Baxley's brother, Sam Baxley of this place.

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Mrs. Raulerson and daughter, Annie, and son, Keith, of Whitney, are visiting Mrs. Raulerson's brother, Green Tucker.

## THE FORTNIGHTLY

Enjoyable and Interesting Meeting of Literary Club.

Mrs. J. D. Williams entertained the club last Friday evening in a most charming manner, assisted by her accomplished daughter, Miss Ewen.

After roll-call and approval of minutes, Jno W. Burton, read a paper on current events and a selection from "Sandy."

Mrs. W. H. Seward sang the "Valley of Kentucky," by Stanford.

Mrs. Neva B. Child read a paper entitled "Florida Under Spanish Rule." Instrumental Solo, by Mrs. E. A. Houston—"Mountain Stream."

Then followed a discussion upon the Indians of Florida.

Vocal Solo, by Mrs. Williams—"Song of the Ball," Bishop.

"Florida Before the Civil War," by Mrs. Jake Wey.

Vocal Selection, by Mr. DePass.

Instrumental Solo, by Miss Tallulah DePass—"Meditation," Morrison.

Vocal Solo, by Miss Laurie Carlton—"In the Shade of the Old Apple Tree."

A selection from Chopin, by Mrs. Williams and Miss Ewen.

The club adjourned at a late hour to meet Friday evening, Nov. 3d, at the Methodist parsonage.

Program for next meeting: Florida since the Civil War, Mrs. A. B. Willisford.

Instrumental Solo, by Mrs. Margaret Moody.

"Current Events," by J. W. Burton.

The Flora of Florida, by M'ss Percie Fuls.

Vocal Solo, by Mr. Sams.

The Fauna of Florida, by Mrs. Wm. Platt.

Vocal Solo, by Mrs. Bennett.

Florida Folk-lore, Rev. Mr. Keigwin.

## Circuit Court Opens

The fall term of circuit court for DeSoto county opened Tuesday morning, with Judge B. H. Palmer, of the third circuit, presiding, and State's Attorney Phillips in attendance.

Judge Palmer's charge to the grand jury was one of much force and produced a deep impression upon all. Clearly he directed attention to the work in hand and of the necessity of conforming with duty in every possible manner.

The notable record Judge Palmer bears for thoroughness in everything pertaining to his work on the bench is in no way lessened at this term of court. Lack of promptness always calls for reprimand by Judge Palmer, as several persons, who failed to be present when wanted, found out to their cost, heavy fines being levied for the indignity offered the court and retardment of work.

## Jacksonville Society Circus.

Jacksonville is to have a genuine society circus early in November.

This event will be the first of its kind ever held in the State of Florida. This society circus is to be undertaken by most of the prominent members of the local Elks' Lodge, and in aid of the Christmas charity fund.

The arrangements for the society circus were made at the club Monday with Louis W. Buckley, formerly of Jacksonville, but now an amusement manager.

In the North and West these affairs have met with splendid success and have proved very entertaining and attractive. A society circus is in reality a burlesque on the real article, but on this occasion the management will see that the salient features of a genuine tended circus will be furnished, as well as the burlesque part.

The dates set for this circus are

Wednesday and Thursday, November 8th and 9th, with a matinee on Thursday for the ladies and children. In addition the usual, though somewhat more elaborate, street parade will be given Wednesday afternoon before the big show commences.

Attention, School Patrons. Gainesville Sun: Under the present school law of the State a valuable inducement is offered the patrons of the public schools to do their part in securing a good attendance. This provision of the law, in brief, gives to each school showing an average attendance of 80 per cent of its enrollment, two extra months of school at State expense. All that parents have to do is to see that their children, once enrolled, are faithful in attendance. This does not apply to schools which are already receiving State aid.

With the judicial reins in such firm guidance, assisted by the able efforts of State's Attorney Phillips, the proceedings of the court have moved quickly and smoothly. This term is of two week's duration, a large docket, composed in the main of minor criminal cases, entailing a vast amount of work. Thus far in the week a number of cases, mostly infringement of the liquor law, have been tried. Two murder cases are set for this term of court, the defendants in each being a negro. One a woman of Punta Gorda, who killed an infant of a neighbor, and the other a resident of Arcadia who killed another negro.

The grand jury will handle the affidavits in the Cooper case that were presented to the Board of Pardons, and decide upon the value of this testimony for future action in the case.

## Gossip of the Orange Crop

The Packer under New York date of Oct. 18th, says:

"Florida oranges are beginning to arrive in little larger quantities, and to the credit of shippers and growers in that state comparatively little green fruit is coming now. The result will be apparent when the movement is at its height, and there is no doubt that Florida growers will profit by this evidently unanimous action in the right direction. The largest shipments up to this time have come from DeSoto county where the packing houses are nearly all in operation, and carlot shipments are going forward daily."

"Reports from different sections of the citrus belt in the state, indicate that the fruit is showing color, and advancing rapidly to maturity. In the Miami district some shipments have already been made, and Lee county groves have sent a few hundred boxes, but it will be a week or ten days before the crop will be in shape for picking to begin. It is expected that some oranges from Orange county will be on the market this coming week, reports from there indicating that the

fruit is far advanced towards maturity, in Brevard, Pasco, Volusia, Polk and Marion counties the weather has been cooler, and ideal for coloring the fruit.

"The report which comes from one or two localities of the state of suspicion on the part of the grower that buyers have combined to fix an arbitrary price, finds little credence here. Eastern firms prominent in the orange deal have had their representatives in the citrus belt looking for desirable groves, and if the buyers have overlooked any section apparently it is because they have information showing that fruit elsewhere will be ready for market first, and naturally they are looking to that fruit.

"Florida oranges are quoted here in a jobbing way from \$1.50 to \$3.25, and grapefruit at \$2.50 to \$5 a box and demand is good, and there is little danger of the market being glutted. The Packer has received late reports from its correspondents in the orange producing sections of the state, and sticks to its first estimate of 1,500,000 boxes of citrus fruits from the state.

## BARKIS WAS WILLIN'.



Father (of large family): "My dear, isn't it about time you were thinking of getting married?"

Daughter: "Heavens! I haven't thought of anything else for years."

## Brownville

Brownville, Oct. 24. We are having pleasant weather now, as the nights are so cold.

J. S. Hollingsworth, made Arcadia a pleasant call Monday.

Cyril Baldwin was again a pleasant visitor to Pine Level Sunday.

W. J. Odom, attended church at Lily Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Waldron and son, visited relatives here Sunday.

H. A. Ellis and daughter Miss Jessie were among the visitors to Arcadia Monday.

Mr. McCaskill and family left Sunday for Yulee Fla., their future home. They will be greatly missed by their many friends here.

Mrs. Tom Coker, of Gardner, made relatives in Brownville a pleasant visit Sunday.

We are glad to report that little Miss Eula Waldron, who has been very ill with pneumonia, is slowly recovering.

Maj. and Mrs. W. G. Welles, of Nocatee visited relatives here Sunday.

Urie Langford and Horace Carlton, of Nocatee, called on friends here Sunday.

As one of our girls were absent from Brownville Sunday, one of our bachelor boys had on a long face.

## "MR. BOB"

Dramatic Entertainment at Opera House Next Thursday Night.

An entertainment will be given at the opera house next Thursday night, Nov. 2, for the benefit of Episcopal church of this city.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of St. Edmund's church has charge of the affair, and beside musical selections the play, "Mr. Bob" will be presented by local talent.

The prices of admission are 20, 25 and 30 cents, tickets on sale at the drug store of Dr. Green.

The following is the program and cast of characters:

Piano Duet.....Selected  
Misses Sweet and Carlton.  
Baritone Solo—"A Dream,".....Bartlett  
Pierce DePass.  
Piano Solo—Second Rhapsodie.....Franz Liszt  
Mrs. E. A. Houston.  
Soprano Solo—Cavatina, Robert Le Diable.....  
Mrs. J. D. Williams.....Meyerbeer  
Violin Solo—(a) Faust, (b) Love's Melody.....  
Mr. H. C. Goldstein.  
First Act—(Drama)—"MR. BOB."  
Entre Act.  
Specialty—Lillian Wood and Sophie May Smith  
Vocal Duet—Love Song from Maid Marian  
Misses Charlton and Whidden (Opera  
CAST OF CHARACTERS.

Philip Royson, Dr. D. G. Barnett,  
Robt. Brown, (Clerk Mr. A. D. Jernigan,  
for Benson & Benson)  
Jenkins, Mr. Wm. Platt,  
Miss Rebecca Luke, Mrs. Elsie Peters,  
(Spinster)  
Miss Catherine Rogers, Miss Dauphine Simons,  
Marian Brown, Miss Eloise Dowd,  
Patty, Miss Pauline Smith.

## NEGROES IN PULLMAN

Social Equality the Dose Offered to Floridians.

Punta Gorda Herald: Social equality in Pullman cars is the dose now offered to Florida people, and if they are pleased to accept it they may do so, but the Herald's scribe will walk or sleep out on the wire-grass before he will take any such medicine.

On Saturday, 14th inst., at Jacksonville, Capt. W. H. Johnson of Punta Gorda, entered the Pullman sleeper, "Portugal," C. W. Gill, conductor, which was attached to the Atlantic Coast Line Train 21, W. R. Burt, conductor, coming from Jacksonville to Port Tampa. In the "Portugal" were a negro man, his wife and three children, all of whom had secured sleeping berths. Capt. Johnson laid the matter before both conductors, who explained that they were powerless to do anything as the negroes had first-class tickets over the line and also tickets for berths in the Pullman sleeper.

Thereupon Capt. Johnson, accompanied by Messrs J. A. Butler of Green Cove Springs, and L. A. Shepherd of Monticello, withdrew from the "Portugal" and spent the night with the "poor white trash" in the ordinary passenger coach in front.

Capt. Johnson says that this is the second time he has been confronted by an attempt on the part of the Pullmans to force social equality on their patrons. The first attempt came near causing a riot with serious consequences, but the second one was passed peacefully for the sake of the innocent conductor.

In these days when our State authorities are lending encouragement to murder, the conduct of the Pullmans may beget lawlessness of a serious nature.

## Lunch on Court House Lawn.

The ladies of the Episcopal church will serve pies, sandwiches and coffee on the court house lawn this (Friday) afternoon at 5 o'clock.

FLORIDIANS  
SHOULD HEEDTAKE ADVANTAGE  
OF NATURE'S AIDLESSON FROM COLORADO  
WORTHY OF PRACTICE

Tampa Times: The people of this country have so long been accustomed to consider corn indispensable to the production of hogs that it comes as a surprise to find there are other kinds of feed which are not only cheaper but actually better. Colorado may be credited with making and clinching the discovery. It came through the fact that corn cannot be raised profitably in that State in competition with other crops better adapted to the high altitude and limited rainfall. On irrigated lands the small grain and alfalfa crops were so much more valuable that the people could not afford to raise the corn. But they needed meat to eat, and they hesitated to pay the prices for imported meat cured elsewhere. It was found that alfalfa pastured hogs grew faster and finer than any other, that English peas finished them to the best perfection, that sugar beets made a hard, firm, finely flavored flesh, superior to that produced by finishing with corn. Incomparatively the finest lambs on the Chicago market for the past three years have been shipped there from the pea fields of Colorado. Sugar beets tops and pulp are eaten voraciously by all kinds of stock, and it is learned by actual experiment that they give a finish and flavor to the meat that cannot be excelled, if at all equalled by any other feed.

Now, while all this is of special interest and profit to the farmers of Colorado, it confirms the fact already learned in Florida that cattle and hogs may be produced of just as fine quality without the use of corn. Like Colorado, but for wholly different reasons, corn cannot be produced profitably in competition with other crops, and our people have been very largely buying their meats from abroad, half the cost thereof being absorbed in the item of transportation. As the Times has been for years endeavoring to convince an unbelieving people, hogs and cattle can be raised of as good quality on the feeds which we can produce cheaply as can be raised anywhere.

There is one specially remarkable difference between the people of Colorado and the people of Florida. It is too easy to live in Florida. Things grow the year round in this southern section of the State, and there is hardly a day in the year when the Florida housewife may not go into the garden or truck patch or the hen roost and bring into the house everything to eat that is needed for the day. Not so in Colorado. There are six or seven months in which the housewife must confine her search for food to the cellar, in which must have been stored an adequate supply for the lean months of winter. The barns must be filled with supplies for the stock to carry them over the season. Under this spur the Colorado farmer works during his brief summer with the most active industry, nothing that can be eaten by his family or his stock escapes his eye, and it all goes into his cellar or his barn or his stack.

If the Florida farmer were pricked by the same spur of necessity he would accomplish the same or better results. He can put on the market every day in the year every fat hog, cow, sheep and fowl that he can produce. His market is at home. He has only to raise the stuff. He can get from his farm a score of kinds of the best feed, velvet beans, sweet potatoes, cassava, millet, chufas, peanuts, turpils, beets and other vegetables that have only to be fed to fourfooted creatures to make them thrifty and fat and their owner rich. Some of them are doing the wise and proper thing, and the wonder is why do not they all?

## To Organize Citrus Growers.

Great interest is being taken throughout the State in the movement to organize during the State Fair at Tampa, the Florida Citrus Fruit Growers' Association and the Florida Poultry Breeders' Association, calls for which have been issued by President T. J. L. Brown of the State Fair Association. The poultry breeders' meeting, Tampa, Tuesday, November 21, while the citrus fruit growers meet the following day. A cordial invitation is extended every citrus fruit grower and poultry breeder in the State to attend these meetings.